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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PRG ISSUE AT LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE

REF: (A) BERN 195; (B) STATE 8673; (C) STATE 8672;

(D) STATE 277249 (1974); (E) BERN 477L (1974);

(F) BERN 4662 (1974); (G) STATE 270692 (1974)

1. ACCORDING TO REF (E), SWISS INTERNAL DECISION ON VOTING  
MAJORITY WILL PROBABLY BE MADE TOMORROW, JAN. 17. OUR ARGU-  
MENTS ON THIS MATTER WERE SENT TO YOU IN REFS (C), (D), AND  
(G). YOU HAVE ALSO RECEIVED REF (B), WHICH IS OUR CIRCULAR  
DEMARCHE ON THIS ISSUE.

2. IN VIEW OF SWISS DECISION TO AGREE TO ESTABLISHMENT OF  
PRG LIASON OFFICE IN GENEVA, REPORTED REF (A), A SWISS  
DECISION THAT TWO-THIRDS REQUIRED TO REOPEN PRG ISSUE AT  
DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE BECOMES ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT. AS A  
POLITICAL MATTER, WE WOULD THINK SWISS COULD NOT NOW REASON-  
ABLY FEAR THAT THEY COULD BE CHARGED WITH PARTIALITY IF THEY  
AGREE TO RULE THAT TWO-THIRDS IS REQUIRED. THEIR NEUTRAL  
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STANCE COULD ONLY BE STRENGTHENED IF THEY REFUSE TO MISIN-

TERPRET THE RULES OF PROCEDURE IN UAY HELPFUL TO COMMUNISTS  
AT DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE.

3. AS THIS IS MATTER OF CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE TO USG, WE RE-  
QUEST THAT, IN ADDITION TO EMBASSY MAKING POINT TO FRANCOIS  
PICTET OF FEDERAL POLITICAL DEPT., AMBASSADOR TAKE UP MATTER

DIRECTLY WITH GRABER. YOU SHOULD ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN  
GRABER'S COMMITMENT TO A TWO-THIRDS RULING. YOU SHOULD  
ALSO SEEK HIS AGREEMENT TO REASSUME CHAIARMANSHIP OF CON-  
FERENCE IF POSSIBLE SHOULD PRG ISSUE ARISE AFTER FEB. 4  
AND TO SEE MATTER THROUGH TO PROMPT DISPOSITION ON TWO-  
THIRDS MAJORITY BASIS. YOU MAY ASSURE GRABER THAT WE  
SHALL TREAT ANY ASSURANCE FROM HIM OF THIS TYPE ON A  
STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL BASIS. KISSINGER

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